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Claim 1 (Amended) A process for recovering an oil stream from the whole stillage produced in the production of ethanol from an oil-bearing agricultural product, which process comprises:

separating the whole stillage in a solids rich stream referred to as the wet distillers grain stream and a water rich stream referred to as the thin stillage stream, both streams containing oil from the cereal grains;

conducting the wet distillers grains stream, the thin stillage stream or both, to an oil removal stage where at least a portion of the oil is removed from one or both streams. [, and wherein the oil is removed by centrifugation or solvent extractions].

Claim 2 (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein centrifugation is used to separate the oil from one or more streams, thereby resulting in an oil and water stream, which oil and water stream is sent to a separation zone.

Claim 3 (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the separation zone is a distillation stage wherein water is distilled from the oil.

Claim 4 (Original) The process of claim 2, wherein the separation zone is a decanting stage wherein the oil and water stream is allowed to sit in a suitable vessel until a two phase system develops, and oil phase and a water phase.

Claim 5 (Original) The process of claim 4 wherein the oil phase is decanted from the water phase.

Claim 6 (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein only the thin stillage stream is subjected to oil removal.

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Claim 7 (Original) The process of claim 6 wherein centrifugation is used to remove oil from the thin stillage stream.

Claims 8 – 28 (Cancelled)

Claim 29 (new) The process of claim 1 wherein the oil is removed by centrifugation or solvent extraction.